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Sir:

Concerning the Office communication mailed on 12/03/2003, applicant makes response, as follows.

REMARKS:

Concerning the paragraph 5 of Office Action, last amendment was made in applicant's response of August 3, 2003, for the Office Action of 05/06/2003.

Concerning the paragraph 6 of Office Action, last amendment was made in applicant's response of April 13, 2000, for the Office Action of October 13, 1999 (Examiner: Robert Bourque).

In response to the paragraph 7 of Office Action, "without a further special key depression", is not contained in the current Claims of 10 - 121.

As for the paragraph 8 & 9 of Office Action, O'Dell does not disclose the claimed invention. Please note that " \(\mathbb{E} \) " in O'Dell corresponds to "Prefix" in English, and it is different from any of "Stem/Root, Japanese character, etc", as explained in the following examples.

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